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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STRADER WORKS WITH LEGISLATORS IN WASHINGTON

CHARLESTON, IL.--Michael Strader of Charleston, Director of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program at Eastern Illinois University, met recently with senators and representatives in Washington, D.C., to discuss the needs and concerns of programs serving older persons at the grass roots level.

Strader, who is serving his second term as President of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP), was in Washington for the NANASP board meeting.

Staff members and consultants of the Senate and House Committees on Aging were present to update the board on the activities and progress of congressional action affecting their programs.

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